

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 4 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of February 4, 2005.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1 through 4 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 4 of U.S. Patent 6,595,406.

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 4 and 5 of U.S. Patent Application 6,439,450.

In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the terminal disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence in the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Attached are the terminal disclaimers and accompanying fees.

Applicants submit that claims 1 through 4 are clearly allowable.

Applicants request the allowance of claims 1 through 4 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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